



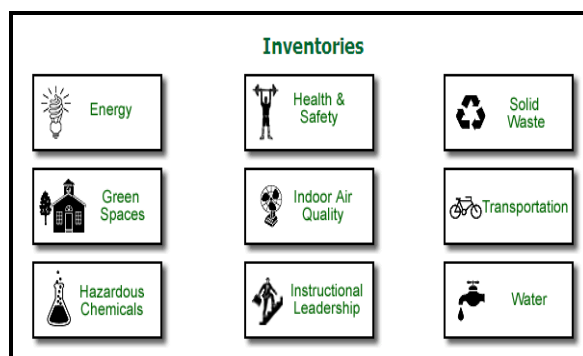
## Overview

The Kentucky Green and Healthy Schools (KGHS) Program is a new student-centered program that empowers students and staff with the tools necessary to move their school toward becoming healthier and more sustainable. The program is designed to help students gain a sense of ownership in their school community and create a safer, healthier, and cleaner environment. KGHS incorporates a two-pronged approach. New or renovated schools may include a “green and healthy” design from the start. Existing schools participate as students inventory current school operations and implement Improvement Projects to improve school health and sustainability.

## How The KGHS Program Works

First, a team is formed at a school that commits to the KGHS program with a pledge form signed by the school principal and the team leaders. How teams are organized is left up to the school. For example, teams can be made up of a single class, an after school club, or an entire grade level.

Next, the school teams complete a series of inventories, project proposals, and improvement projects. Because the KGHS program is student-centered, students should take the lead in choosing which inventories to complete and in developing and executing improvement projects.



## School & Team Recognition

As the school team completes inventories, proposals and improvement projects, the school’s team receives awards such as certificates, plaques, and full-size flags. There is also an annual awards ceremony in which students have the opportunity to showcase their achievements.

| Program Status                           | Requirements  | Award                              |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| Candidate School                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit Pledge Form</li> <li>Form a Green &amp; Healthy Team</li> <li>Complete website training</li> </ul>  | Certificate                        |
| School in Progress                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete 3 KGHS categories</li> <li>Submit school profile information to KGHS coordinator</li> </ul> <p>*One of the first three categories completed must be Instructional Leadership.</p> | Plaque                             |
| School Under Development                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete 3 new KGHS categories (for a total of 6 completed)</li> </ul>   | Banner                             |
| Official Kentucky Green & Healthy School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete 3 new KGHS categories (for a total of 9 completed)</li> </ul>   | Flag                               |
| Model Kentucky Green & Healthy School    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revisit at least 1 category per school year and submit a new SMART Form and Report for at least one new project.</li> </ul>  | Model KGHS Plaque with year plates |

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